

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**Nashville, Tennessee**

**November 7, 2000**

**In Re:**

**UNIVERSAL SERVICE FOR RURAL AREAS -)  
THE GENERIC DOCKET )**

**Docket No. 00-00523**

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**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION  
of the  
ATTORNEY GENERAL & REPORTER  
through the  
CONSUMER ADVOCATE AND PROTECTION DIVISION**

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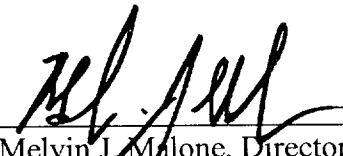
This matter is before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") upon the petition of the Attorney General & Reporter, through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division, for leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding as their interests may appear. The Authority appointed Director Melvin J. Malone as Hearing Officer for the purpose of presiding over any pre-hearing or status conferences, resolving discovery issues, and such other matters as may aid in the disposition of this case. The hearing on the merits will be held before the Directors of the Authority.

The Authority has not received objections to the interventions. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310(a), the Hearing Officer has determined that this proceeding and the actions which may be taken by the Authority herein may affect or determine the legal rights and duties of the Petitioners and that the interest of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be impaired by allowing these interventions.

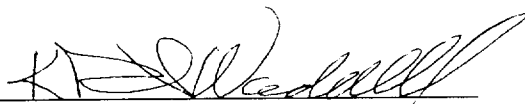
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Attorney General & Reporter, through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division is hereby given leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding as their interests may appear and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents herein.

2. That any party aggrieved by the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within fifteen (15) days from and after the date of this Order.

  
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Melvin J. Malone, Director  
as Hearing Officer

ATTEST:

  
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Executive Secretary